

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1902 - HB 2066

March 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the University of Tennessee (UT) from spending more than \$2,500,000 per year on diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs. Prohibits more than 60 percent of the amount allocated for diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs to be spent for programs at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville (UTK).

Requires that the funds allocated to diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs be clearly itemized in the UT budget each year. Prohibits an employee of UT, whose primary responsibilities and duties are in areas unrelated to diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs, from participating in diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs, during the times when the employee is to perform work duties.

Requires UT to present an annual written report to the General Assembly on the amount of funds expended on diversity, multicultural, and sustainability programs. Employees of the UT system, or its institutions, whose duties are related to diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs, may only work and have duties in areas related to: nondiscrimination; recruitment of minority students; and the recruitment of minority faculty or administrators.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The University of Tennessee will reallocate \$1,200,000 in funding from diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs to other budgetary items.

Assumptions:

- Based on the information provided by UT, the university allocates approximately \$3,700,000 to diversity, multicultural, or sustainability programs that are unrelated to compliance issues each year.
- UT will reduce allocations to diversity, multicultural, and sustainability programs to \$2,500,000 as a result of this bill.
- UT will reallocate \$1,200,000 (\$3,700,000 - \$2,500,000) to other programs or budget items.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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